

# RANKING

## Rankings 1-10

Critical Element	HQ	HQ	R1	R8	Average
Approval of Plan	6	6	7	10	7.3
Community Profile	7	7	5	10	7.3
Tribal Waste Management Program	3	3	NA	10	4.0
Waste Assessment/Audit	8	8	1	10	6.8
Open Dump Sites (Historic and Existing)	5	5	6	10	6.5
Current Waste Management	1	1	2	10	3.5
Current Financial Management	2	2	3	10	4.3
Proposed Waste Management	9	9	8	10	9.0
Proposed Financial Management	10	10	9	10	9.8
Sustainability and Long-term Goals	4	4	4	10	5.5

# COMMENTS

From	Comment
Christopher Dege, Tribal Waste Team, Office of Solid Waste	<p>The way I see it, the absolute bare minimum of a waste management program would be collecting the waste generated and disposing of it properly (critical element 1), and just beyond that, sustainably paying for that collection and disposal system (critical element 2). The rest are all very important, but if you had to distill it down, to a bare minimum these would be the two most important in my eyes.</p> <p>It was kind of hard to do this, because I see an ISWMP as both a planning document and a management document, so even though I ranked them the way I did, the proposed pieces ranked toward the end are just as important as the final products. It is a two-phased process - research, investigate, put together options, and then choose the most appropriate option and start implementing it. By ranking critical elements, it is implying that some are more important than others, and others are optional, when really, they are all important (or all "critical"). You have to do a community profile/waste assessment/and proposals to look at before deciding on a final product, or plan.</p> <p>Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning is a process, not a document, and in doing this process, skipping steps (or "critical elements") subverts the process. The exact nature of the plan at the end is a result of the process of steps you go through, not the precise elements contained within the final plan.</p> <p>Lastly, we can and should debate what are critical elements, but if we've already decided that these are critical, then they are all essential.</p>
Susanna Trujillo, Region 8	One global comment I have for all plans, is it would be great to know who developed the IWMP. Was it a contractor or the tribe.
Ernest Waterman, Region 1	R1 doesn't have any plans in the matrix, so let me get right down to thoughts on ranking of critical elements. Most of our tribes already have waste management systems in place without necessarily ever having gone through the step of forming a written plan so we are placing the greatest stress on documenting what exists with proposals and approval loops correspondingly discounted. Likewise we only have one tribe that has ever had an open dump and don't have a pressing need to have open dump sites be a consistent component within waste management plans.
Clem Eggers, Region 8	<p>The critical elements rating for all the elements should be a 10 as all are important to develop a successful plan.</p> <p>One element should be added, "conclusion and summary" to make it complete and usable document.</p>